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The first International Orthodontic Congress took place in 1926 in New York City. The WFO, however, was incorporated in 1995 at the 4th IOC in San Francisco, California, USA under the leadership of Dr. William DeKock. Dr. DeKock was then president of the American Association of Orthodontists, which was holding its Annual Session and designated the meeting as the 4th IOC. Sixty-eight national and regional orthodontic societies joined the AAO in San Francisco in signing the WFO incorporation charter.
The WFO Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards is planning a meeting in Washington, D.C. during the 2018 American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session (May 4-8).

“The WFO is committed to promoting the highest standards of orthodontic treatment to benefit those in our care,” says Dr. Allan R. Thom, WFO president. “An important aspect of this goal is to promote board certification by a national orthodontic specialty organization on behalf of WFO affiliates and Fellows. Board certification is an aspirational goal of the orthodontist who wishes to demonstrate his or her commitment to the highest specialty education and quality of care. Ideally, the certifying Board should be affiliated with or sponsored by the national association of orthodontists in each country. This provides benefit to the national orthodontic specialty organization and the appropriate recognition to those who become credentialed. It is a duty and responsibility to assure that the criteria limit certification solely to the educationally qualified orthodontic specialists who demonstrate and satisfy stated requirements of education and skill.”

There are currently 19 orthodontic specialty boards that have volunteered to participate in activities of the WFO Committee on National & Regional Orthodontic Boards. * This committee has been active since 2005, organizing meetings and successful symposiums at the 7th and 8th IOCs in Sydney and London, respectively.

Last year, the WFO Executive Committee decided to sponsor the formation of the Society of Orthodontic Specialty Certification Boards of the World Federation of Orthodontists. The plan for the society will be presented during the Washington meeting. Its stated purpose is to improve the quality of orthodontic treatment throughout the world by improving the knowledge and skills of WFO-Fellow orthodontists, encouraging them to challenge themselves to achieve orthodontic specialty board certification in their respective countries. Consistent with its purpose, the society will have a number of specific goals, including:

- To encourage national organizations in countries that do not have orthodontic certification boards to establish such boards, and
- To provide a forum for specialty board representatives to meet and collaborate; sharing ideas to improve their respective board certification processes.

The Committee on National and Regional Orthodontic Boards is led by Dr. Nikhilesh R Vaid, chair, and Dr. Tom Ahman, co-chair, with the assistance of Dr. David Turpin, advisor.

“All national and regional certification boards currently affiliated with WFO-affiliated organizations will be invited to join the Society of Orthodontic Specialty Certification Boards,” said Dr. Vaid.

“Other items on the agenda at the meeting in Washington include a presentation on the history of the WFO Board Certifications Committee; an update by the American Board of Orthodontics representative, Dr. Valmy Kulbersh, on the new examination process of the ABO; an update on the WFO Boards Global Survey; and a presentation of the action plan for the Boards Symposium to be held in Yokohama, Japan in 2020 at the 9th IOC.”

During the meeting, Dr. Roberto Justus and Dr. David Turpin, former chairs of the Board Certifications Committee, will receive the WFO Executive Committee Plaque of Honour in recognition of their pioneering work in establishing the committee and promotion of Board certification worldwide.
Dr. Vinod Krishnan of Trivandrum, Kerala, India, who was appointed in April 2017 by the Executive Committee to serve as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the World Federation of Orthodontists Journal* (JWFO), has announced the names of those serving on the JWFO editorial board.

“We have an excellent, very well-qualified group of 22 WFO fellows who have joined me in working to ensure a strong future for the journal,” says Dr. Krishnan. “We have very interesting new submissions from authors and plan to publish the next issue this fall.” The journal will have a new look with a revised cover page and fresh-looking website, which will be commissioned this September. All WFO fellows are requested to visit the website for updated information on the current trends in the field of orthodontics.

The editorial board includes:

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To learn about article submission, click on the red tab, **Submit Your Manuscript**.

The March 2018 issue’s content includes:

**FEATURED REVIEW ARTICLE:**
Recent advances in orthodontic retention methods.
Ahmad J. Swidi, Reginald W. Taylor, Larry P. Tadlock, Peter H. Buschang;

**FEATURED ORIGINAL RESEARCH:**
Compliance with retainer wear in the first year: An analysis of 320 cases.
Abram Abeskharon, Michael Fischer, John Burnheimer;

**FEATURED CASE REPORT:**
Adult gummy smile correction with temporary skeletal anchorage devices.
Satoshi Uzuka, Jong-Moon Chae, Kiyoshi Tai, Takashi Tsuchimochi, Jae Hyun Park.

Three additional research studies and two editorial commentaries also appear in the March issue.

Elsevier, the world’s leading provider of science and health information, is the publisher of the journal and manages its website.
The passing of a giant in the orthodontic specialty: 
World Federation of Orthodontists’ first Honorary Fellow, Professor Fujio Miura

Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, Dr. Fujio Miura passed away March 4, 2018 at Tokyo Medical and Dental University Hospital. Dr. Miura, who was 92 years old, died as a result of aspiration pneumonia and heart failure. In 1995, the WFO recognized Dr. Miura for his significant contribution to Orthodontics as the first Honorary Fellow of the WFO.

Dr. Miura graduated from the prestigious Tokyo National Medical and Dental School in 1947 and was admitted to the Department of Orthodontics under Professor Shinjiro Takahashi. Dr. Miura had an exceptionally sharp intellect as a scientist and an excellent clinician. He had a special interest in research on the physiological aspects of orthodontics and in particular on masticatory muscle function. He was one of the first to use electromyography to study oral function.

“It was very difficult to use manufactured electrical equipment and materials for experiments in the days right after the second world war,” said Dr. Miura, “So I had to make the recording equipment for jaw movement and also needle electrodes to pick-up electromyographic recordings by myself.”

Dr. Miura obtained a doctorate (Medical) in 1957, presenting a thesis, “Study on the function of the masticatory muscles by way of electromyograms with special reference to those of the masseter, the temporal and the digastic muscles”, published in the Journal of the Japan Stomatological Society. It was the first published paper in the world to detect and report masticatory muscle activities with jaw movement and change of occlusal bite force. He became an associate professor in the Department of Orthodontics, School of Dentistry, Tokyo Medical and Dental University in the same year.

Dr. Miura’s interests were wide. He went on a sabbatical year to the Department of Human Anthropology, University of Chicago with Professor Albert Dahlberg as a research associate. He joined Dr. Dahlberg’s research project and went to the field working on the dental anthropological study of Native Americans living in Arizona.

Dr. Miura was a pioneer in treatment using bracket bonding and Ni-Ti wires

In 1962, after Professor Takahashi retired, Dr. Miura took over the professorship at the Department of Orthodontics (1962-1991). During his time, two world-famous areas of research were developed in his orthodontic department. Both areas of study made dramatic impact on the technical progress of orthodontics. The first area of study was the development of a direct bonding system to place brackets directly on tooth enamel replacing the use of orthodontic bands and existing dental cements. He presented a lecture and a table clinic on this system at the 1970 AAO meeting. This idea had been a dream of orthodontists for a long time, however, no one succeeded to have a reliable bonding system before Dr. Miura. Today this is the standard technique in fixed appliance clinical orthodontics.

The second area of clinical research was equally impressive and impactful to the orthodontic world. Dr. Miura’s studies focused on tissue response after applied orthodontic forces. He thought there should be an optimum force for specific tooth movement. From this perspective he investigated differences of tissue response following the application of variable orthodontic forces on each tooth. While working on studies of tissue response, he was also experimenting with tooth moving materials. He studied different patterns of stress-strain characteristics produced in different kinds of orthodontic wire. Dr. Miura found that Nickel-Titanium wire showed a constant force level even when changing stress level, a so-called super-elasticity. Today, orthodontists throughout the world use this Ni-Ti wire with its other characteristic of shape memory. Both with his research on bracket bonding and the development of Ni-Ti wires, Dr. Miura led to dramatic changes in orthodontic technique.

In looking at a lifetime of amazing professional contribution and collegiality, we can also appreciate Dr. Miura’s approach to successfully working with many different individuals in Japan and around the world. In Dr. Miura’s words, “Close our eyes to their flaws and bring out the best in them.”

Professor Miura received many prestigious awards including the Medal of Purple Ribbon in 1989 and the Third Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon from the Emperor of Japan in 1995. From the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation, he received the Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teacher and Research Award in 1984 and from the American Board of Orthodontics, the Albert H. Ketcham Award in 1998. The International Association for Dental Research awarded him the Distinguished Service Award in 2007.
Dr. Miura was known for his academic pursuits but had another side to his life. He enjoyed playing golf with his friends and staff. During his vacation, he would retreat to the summer house he designed, located in the Tateshina resort mountain area. His special hobbies were ceramic art and ribbon tie crafting, sharing many of his creations with his family and colleagues around the world.

Dr. Miura’s story would be incomplete without a few comments about his family.

His lovely wife, Chizuko-san, has a special talent for home-cooking. He always enjoyed her special culinary talents and often held home parties for his staffs and students. They were excellent hosts, providing a warm social context for his colleagues and students.

Professor Miura’s charm and witty humor and ever present smile were enjoyed by all. Their son, Hirotaka, is also an orthodontist with his PhD and is in private orthodontic practice in Tokyo. Hirotaka and his wife Tamami have three boys, providing the joy of being a grandfather to Professor Miura’s later years.

In all aspects, professional and personal, Professor Fujio Miura will be appreciated for who he was and will be sorely missed.

Submitted by:
Professor Emeritus Takayuki Kuroda
Tokyo Medical and Dental University
WFO Founding Executive Committee Member
WFO Honorary Member

Health Day is a way that we can all share our commitment to our professional specialty and fellowship, even when we are far apart geographically.”

The concept for World Orthodontic Health Day was originally developed by the WFO Promotions Committee under the leadership of Dr. Nikhilesh Vaid, chair, with Dr. Ricardo Machado Cruz and Dr. Yanheng Zhou. They are WFO Executive Committee members for Central and East Asia, Central and South America and Central and East Asia, respectively.

“We would like to remind everyone that we have posters for World Orthodontic Health Day available to assist with promotions,” says Dr. Vaid. “Three posters that we offered in 2017 are still available and we have added five new ones for 2018. Simply click on the link and download as many posters as you would like to use. Also, please use the logo that was especially designed for World Orthodontic Health Day. The logo and posters may be used for all print and digital marketing of the day and to promote planned events with printed fliers, social media posts, etc.”

“We would also like for everyone to be aware that those attending the WFO President’s Leadership Breakfast meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 6 (during the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session) will receive a lapel pin created especially for World Orthodontic Health Day,” says Dr. Vaid. “We look forward to hearing about each group’s plan for observing this day of international celebration of orthodontics.”

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World Federation of Postgraduate Orthodontic Students seeks to unite orthodontic students worldwide; seeks candidates for 2018-20 Board term

The World Federation of Postgraduate Orthodontic Students (WFPOS) is attracting new members, planning an event at the 2020 IOC and is recruiting candidates for its next Board term. WFPOS activities are being led by the organization’s president, Dr. Karolina Kaczor-Urbanowicz of Poland. Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz established the organization in 2014, when she was an orthodontic resident at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

“WFO leaders were very happy to see orthodontic students working together to develop opportunities for learning and development of professional relationships that will last over the course of their careers,” says Dr. Allan R. Thom, WFO president. “It is very exciting to see that the WFPOS is continuing to develop as an organization.”

Dr. Radost Velikova and Dr. Keti Yovcheva, both of Bulgaria, serve as councilors aiding Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz in leading the group, which now has 580 members. Below, Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz responds to questions that WFO fellows and student members may have about the group.

Question:
Why and how was the WFPOS founded?

Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz: The WFPOS was founded within the WFO thanks to great contribution, support and guidance of the immediate past WFO president, Dr. Roberto Justus. As we express our gratitude, we will never forget our highest appreciation for his input in the initiation of the establishment of the WFPOS. The organization strives to gather/unite postgraduate orthodontic students in orthodontics from all over the world: Saudi Arabia, Japan, India, Korea, Sweden, Germany, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Spain, France, USA, etc. Our goal is to get to know each other and to share our experience related to our residency training, orthodontic novelties, research, and treatment of clinical cases — as we see differences in the residency programs across different countries.

Question:
Are other orthodontic organizations in addition to the WFO aware of the WFPOS?

Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz: We are focusing on developing cooperation with the biggest international orthodontic organizations. We hope to get their support for postgraduates in order to enable the students to attend major international orthodontic congresses at reduced registration fees, etc. For example: Dr. Silvia Allegrini, president of the Italian Society of Orthodontics, helped us by preparing a special discount offer, especially for WFPOS members, to attend the SIDO International Orthodontic Congresses 2016 (International Spring Meeting in Rome), the 47th International Congress in Florence, and special pre- and post-conference courses, at reduced fees.

Question:
What other types of activity does the WFPOS have underway?

Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz: We organize orthodontic events/meetings with free-of-charge lectures given by well-known professors specifically for orthodontic students. For example: During the 8th WFO IOC in London, we held the first WFPOS meeting on September 28, 2015. The meeting was attended by nearly 90 postgraduate orthodontic students from Saudi Arabia, Japan, India, Korea, Sweden, Germany, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Spain, France and other countries. Lecturing professors included Dr. Ali Darendelliler (Australia), Dr. Marco Rosa (Italy) and Dr. Jay S. Bowman (United States). The luncheon was sponsored by the Polortho, with the sponsor providing lunch during the meeting.

We also work to develop cooperation with other student orthodontic groups such as those associated with the American Association of Orthodontists or the European Orthodontic Society. For example, we established cooperation with the EPSOS (European Postgraduate Students Orthodontic Society) during the 8th IOC in London (September 2015).

Question:
Who is eligible to participate in the WFPOS? Is there a fee?

Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz: All WFO student members are eligible to be WFPOS members (at no charge) by sending an e-mail to wfpos.wfo@gmail.com. The WFO student ID number will be required. Membership in the WFPOS is free to WFO student members.

As the WFPOS grows, we are developing and improving methods for involving more students as members.
**Question:**
How are you communicating within the organization?

**Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz:** We have our internal online forum, the WFPOS forum. Only WFPOS students have access to it. After receiving a WFPOS membership, an invitation e-mail is automatically sent to a new member with a link to join our forum.

**Question:**
What is the governance structure for the WFPOS?

**Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz:** Our Executive Committee established the bylaws of our organization, which are listed at our internal WFPOS forum. They were created in accordance with WFO bylaws, but adjusted to the internal needs of postgraduates. Our first Executive Committee was elected during the 8th IOC in London. Although we currently have just three EC members, because the WFPOS is growing and changing, we have created new leadership positions including vice president and secretary. We are now seeking candidates for the 2018-2020 term including the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and two councilor positions.

**Question:**
How can someone apply for a WFPOS leadership position?

**Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz:** All WFPOS members are eligible to apply for the open positions of the positions of president, vice president, secretary, or councilor (two positions). Interested candidates must submit a short personal biography (100 to 150 words) and indicate the position to which they are applying. This information must be sent to wfpos.wfo@gmail.com by June 30, 2018.

The candidates will be announced July 31, 2018, on the WFPOS online forum. All WFPOS members will be able to vote anonymously online. The WFPOS will hold the election September 5-10, 2018. The results will be announced Sept. 15, 2018. The new board members will serve for two years from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2020.

**Question:**
Are you planning upcoming events or meetings of which you want orthodontic postgraduate students to be aware?

**Dr. Kaczor-Urbanowicz:** We are beginning plans to organize our next major student meeting. Also, we plan to have an event at the 9th IOC in Yokohama, October 2020, with support for this plan from the WFO President, Dr. Allan R. Thom and Vice President, Dr. F. Amanda Maplethorp.

Dr. Nafaa has been a leader of organized orthodontics in his country, having been one of the founders of the Palestinian Orthodontic Society (established in 1999). He was elected as treasurer of the POS in 2011 and became the organization’s president in 2016. Dr. Nafaa has long felt strongly about the organization’s participation in the WFO.

“I was happy about the affiliation of our society with the World Federation of Orthodontists because I believe in the cooperation theory among colleagues, regardless of their background, ethnicity, race or color,” says Dr. Nafaa. “In my opinion, the science and knowledge we studied in universities, and acquired through our working life, or the courses and conferences to which we contribute, don’t belong to us, however, we, as orthodontists, must all disseminate it in order to promote our profession toward the best it can be.”

After broadening his knowledge about the objectives of the WFO, Dr. Nafaa subsequently joined as a Fellow.

“One of the best activities with the WFO was attending the meeting and conference of the high commission of the WFO in London (at the 2015 IOC),” says Dr. Nafaa. “It was an exciting scientific meeting and I enjoyed getting to see the city with my beloved wife.”

Dr. Nafaa had no previous experience in logo design. When the anniversary logo competition was announced, however, he decided that entering a logo would be a way to demonstrate his commitment to the WFO mission of consolidating the specialty by bringing orthodontists from many nations together to share experience and knowledge.

“I also designed this logo in order to contribute, even with little and from a distance- my country Palestine-, to the support of the society in which I have faith,” he says. “I chose colors that are similar to the logo colors of the WFO, and it symbolizes a tooth in the shape of a heart, which means that we have been working with love for 25 years. Our carefully-done work derives from our love and passion for our profession as orthodontists, and the love and care about that we have for patients and desire to give provide excellent care regardless of the material income.

“One of the most prominent objectives of the WFO is to spread love among orthodontists no matter their ethnicities, backgrounds or races, and this is what the WFO has been doing for the past twenty-five years,” adds Dr. Nafaa. “I really hope that this logo, with its content, will help the orthodontic profession in stepping forward toward the best - and help bring together all of the world’s orthodontists under the roof of this great federation.”
The 11th Asian Pacific Orthodontic Conference or APOC 2018, with its theme Culture of Smiles, was held March 5-7, 2018 on the island of Boracay, Philippines. This event was hosted by the Association of Philippine Orthodontists (APO) with more than 800 delegates in attendance (404 International Delegates, 326 Local Delegates, 47 VIP guests of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society and 21 speakers) from more than 20 countries.

Dr. Allan R. Thom, president of the WFO, gave an opening ceremony address and a keynote lecture during the conference.

During the conference, members of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society Executive Committee elected their new Executive Committee. The president, Dr. Yanheng Zhou, is also one of three WFO Executive Committee members for Central and East Asia and presided over the 20th anniversary celebration of the Chinese Orthodontic Society as its president. Also in attendance were Dr. Eric Liou (Taiwan Association of Orthodontists), vice president of APOS; Dr. Roberto Tan (Association of Philippine Orthodontists), secretary general of APOS; Dr. W. M. Senadeera (Sri Lanka Orthodontic Society), treasurer of APOS; Dr. Yian-San Seow (Association of Orthodontists of Singapore), assistant treasurer of APOS; Dr. Nikhillesh Vaid (Indian Orthodontic Society), APOS editor-in-chief (APOS Journal) and also a member of the WFO Executive Committee from Central and East Asia; and Dr. Bryce Lee (Association of Orthodontists of Singapore), immediate past president of the APOS.

The 12th APOC will be held in conjunction with the WFO IOC in Yokohama, Japan in 2020. The Korean Association of Orthodontists won the bid to host the 13th APOC-2022 in Seoul, South Korea.

The APOS Journal award winners are:

- The Fu Minkui APOS Trends award for the best clinical article (2015 -16):
  "Orthodontic management of a periodontally compromised dentition" — Zaveri Prashant (Vol. 6 No. 1).

- The Renato Africa APOS Trends award for second best clinical article (2015 -16):
  "Orthosurgical management of an asymmetric case with class III malocclusion and transversal problem in the maxilla" — Juan Carlos Perez Varela, Beatriz Iglesias Sanchez (Vol. 6 No. 3).

- The Jyothindra Kumar APOS Trends award for best original research article (2015 -16):
  "Evaluating condylar head morphology as it relates to the skeletal vertical facial dimension: A three-dimensional semi-automated landmark study" — Curtis Contro, Arthur J. Miller, David Hatcher, Snehlata Oberoi (Vol. 6 No. 5).

- The Hendro Kusnoto APOS Trends award for second best original research article (2015 -16), shared by:
  "Plaque accumulation and Streptococcus mutans levels around self-ligating bracket clips and elastomeric modules: A randomized controlled trial" — Dhaval Fadia, Meghna Vandekar, Nikhillesh Vaid & Viraj Doshi (Vol 5 No 3).
  "Root resorption following periodontally accelerated osteogenic orthodontics" — Donald J. Ferguson, Irelia Machado, M T Wilco, W M Wilco (Vol. 6 No. 2).

- The Loh Soo Ann APOS Trends award for Best Clinical Pearl /Innovation article was not awarded. However, a Certificate of Merit in this category was awarded to:
  "Three-dimensional canine loop for management of buccally erupted canines" — Praveen Mehrotra, Jitendra Bhagchandani, Sonahita Agarwal, Anchit Thukral (Vol. 5 No. 5).

- Best Reviewer awards for 2015-16 were presented to:
  Dr. Mark Wertheimer (South Africa)
  Dr. Jayesh Rahalkar (India)
  Dr. Laith Makki (United Arab Emirates).

The jury for the awards was comprised of Dr. Keiji Moriyama, Dr. Mubassar Fida and Dr. Tanan Jaruprakorn.
**BANGLADESH ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY**

The Bangladesh Orthodontic Society, founded in 1993, hosted its 3rd International Orthodontic Congress from November 9-11, 2017 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. More than 200 delegates attended the event. The President of the BOS, Dr. Md Zakir Hossain, gave an inaugural address in which he thanked the WFO for the plaque of appreciation presented by Dr. Nikhil Vaid, WFO Executive Committee member for Central and East Asia, and encouraged all BOS members to be WFO Fellows. Renowned speakers from the Asian Pacific region who lectured at the congress included Dr. Somchais Satravaha, East Asia, and Dr. Vaid and Dr. Sridevi Padmanabhan. The WFO Executive Committee member for Central and East Asia, Dr. Vaid, presented a memento to the Iranian Association of Orthodontists, presided over the meeting, Dr. Amin Golshah, welcomed the IrAO, Dr. Mahdi Kashani, and the chair of the society, presided over the meeting, which afforded interesting cultural experiences for meeting attendees. Newly elected officers for the KAO are: Yoon-Ah Kook, president; Dr. Kyung-Ho Kim, president-elect; Dr. Seung-Hak Baek, vice president; Dr. Kee-Joon Lee, secretary general; Dr. Sang-Min Lee, director of scientific affairs; and Dr. Dong-Hwa Chung, director of international affairs.

**IRANIAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS**

The 15th Iranian Annual Meeting and the 2nd IRANIAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS Congress included Dr. Somchais Satravaha, the Asian Pacific region who lectured at the event. The President of the BOS, Dr. Md Zakir Hossain, gave an inaugural address in which he thanked the WFO for the plaque of appreciation presented by Dr. Nikhil Vaid, WFO Executive Committee member for Central and East Asia, and encouraged all BOS members to be WFO Fellows. Renowned speakers from the Asian Pacific region who lectured at the congress included Dr. Somchais Satravaha, East Asia, and Dr. Vaid and Dr. Sridevi Padmanabhan. The WFO Executive Committee member for Central and East Asia, Dr. Vaid, presented a memento to the Iranian Association of Orthodontists as a goodwill gesture.

**KOREAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS**

The Korean Association of Orthodontists (KAO) held its 50th Annual Scientific Congress at the HICO, Gyeongju, South Korea, October 28-31, 2017. The meeting also included the 1st KAO (Korean Association of Orthodontists)-COS (Chinese Orthodontic Society) joint symposium. Dr. Hee-Moon Kyung, president of the Korean Association of Orthodontists, presided over the meeting. The main theme of the meeting was, “Reflecting on the past half century, imagining the millennium.” The meeting also included a pre-congress that focused on TAD usage in Korea and multi-dimensional tooth movement. Invited speakers for special lectures included Dr. Ravindra Nanda, Dr. Rolf G. Behrents, Dr. Eustaquito Araujo, and Dr. Birte Melsen.

The 1st KAO-COS joint symposium focused on complicated cases in orthodontic treatment. Additional features included clinical oral presentations, research and clinical presentation, e-Poster presentations, table clinics, and excellent case awards. Gyeongju was the capital of the ancient kingdom of Silla for about a thousand years and has many archaeological sites and cultural properties, often referred to as “The museum without walls,” which afforded interesting cultural experiences for meeting attendees. Newly elected officers for the KAO are: Yoon-Ah Kook, president; Dr. Kyung-Ho Kim, president-elect; Dr. Seung-Hak Baek, vice president; Dr. Kee-Joon Lee, secretary general; Dr. Sang-Min Lee, director of scientific affairs; and Dr. Dong-Hwa Chung, director of international affairs.

**SRI LANKA ORTHODONTIC SOCIETY**

Members of the Sri Lanka Orthodontic Society convened for their 2018 meeting in Colombo, January 20-21. Dr. W. M Senadeera, president of the society, presided over the meeting, which attracted international speakers from Denmark, Australia, Mexico, Malaysia, India, Singapore and the United States to complement the outstanding local Sri Lankan speakers.

The distinguished conference faculty included Dr. Birte Melsen, Dr. Juan Carlos Varela, Dr. Premraj Sundaralingam, Dr. Robert Hamilton and Dr. Priti Mulimani. The successful meeting was attended by more than 120 orthodontists and post-graduate students from the Indian sub-continent.

Dr. Bryce Lee, president of the Asian Pacific Orthodontic Society, and Dr. Allan R Thom, president of the WFO, addressed attendees during the opening ceremony.

The opening ceremony also recognized the launch of the Sri Lankan Journal of Orthodontics. Complimentary copies of the first issue were presented to guests by the editor-in-chief, Dr. Mithran S. Goonewardene. Dr. Priya Samaranayake, a past president of SLOS, gave the Dr. Subramanian oration describing the history of Sri Lankan orthodontics to the present day. Traditional Sri Lankan hospitality ensured a wonderfully successful and enjoyable meeting for attendees.

The meeting appears to be in in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
Romanian Association for Excellence in Orthodontics (AREO)
9th International Congress of Orthodontics
May 24-27, 2018
Iasi, Romania
http://areo2000.ro/annual-meetings/
www.baos2018.org

Polish Orthodontic Society
2nd Congress on Tooth Transplantation
May 25-27, 2018
Hotel SS Rotterdam
Rotterdam, Netherlands

Sociedad Espanola de Ortodoncia
June 5-9, 2018
Tarragona, Spain
www.sedo.es

European Orthodontic Society
94th European Orthodontic Society Congress
June 17-21, 2018
Edinburgh, Scotland
www.eos2018.com

XVII International Congress of Orthodontics and the XXII ALADO Congress
Chilean Orthodontic Society
August 22-24, 2018
Centro Parque Convention & Conference Center
Santiago, Chile
www.congresodeortodoncia.cl

10th World Implant Orthodontic Conference & 13th Indonesian Association of Orthodontists Meeting
World Implant Orthodontic Conference (WIOC)
September 5-8, 2018
Bali, Indonesia
http://www.wioc2018.com

Canadian Association of Orthodontists Annual Session
September 6-8, 2018
The Westin Bayshore Hotel
Vancouver, BC, Canada
http://cao-aco.org/EVENTS/future.asp

Nigerian Association of Orthodontists 12th Annual Scientific Conference
September 25-28, 2018
Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria
http://www.nao-ng.org

British Orthodontic Society
British Orthodontic Conference
QE11 Centre, London, England, UK
September 26-29, 2018
(Pre-Conference Course to be held September 26)
http://www.bos.org.uk/
Conference Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IiHSdUGMDCb-0

Societa Italiana di Ortodonzia
49th International Congress
October 11-13, 2018
Florence, Italy
www.sido.it

Korean Association of Orthodontist
52nd Annual Scientific Session
November 21-23, 2018
Coex, Seoul, Korea

Indian Orthodontic Society 53rd IOC
December 7-9, 2018
Le Meridien, Kochi
http://www.iosweb.net/conferences.aspx

Taiwan International Orthodontic Forum (TIOF)
December 7-10, 2018
Taipei International Convention Center (TICC)

Saudi Orthodontic Society
13th Annual Conference
February 22, 2019
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Association of Orthodontists (Singapore)
AOSC 2019
February 22-24, 2019
https://www.aoscongress.com/

American Association of Orthodontists 2019 Annual Session
May 3-7, 2019
Los Angeles Convention Center
Los Angeles, CA, USA

The 3rd Annual World Orthodontic Health Day
May 15, 2019

Sociedad Espanola de Ortodoncia
Grandada, Spain
June 5-8, 2019
www.sedo.es

Canadian Association of Orthodontists Annual Session
Delta Fredericton Hotel and Fredericton Convention Centre
September 19-21, 2019
Fredericton, NB, Canada
http://cao-aco.org/EVENTS/future.asp

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